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Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A system for provisioning electronic field guides comprising:
 - a portable computing device having:
 - a visual display;
 - an end user input interface; and
 - a memory;
 - a stationary computer having:
 - a visual display;
 - an end user input interface; and
 - a memory;
 - means for interconnecting said stationary computer and said portable computing device;said stationary computer being operable to:
 - present a map with defined geographic regions;
 - associate multiple data items with said defined geographic regions, wherein said multiple data items are selected from the group consisting of plants, animals, insects, marine life, rocks, and minerals;
 - ~~present multiple data items to an end user; and~~
 - ~~respond to the selection of particular ones of said multiple data items~~ one or more of said geographic regions by said end user,by:
 - presenting said multiple data items available for said one or more geographic regions;
 - downloading multimedia data files corresponding to said ~~particular ones of said multiple data items~~ associated with said one or more geographic regions, to said portable computing device via said means for interconnecting; andsaid portable computing device being operable to:
 - present a listing of said downloaded multiple data items; and

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respond to the selection of one of said downloaded multiple data items by displaying or
playing said corresponding multimedia data file on said portable computing
device.

2. (Currently Amended) A method for provisioning electronic field guides comprising the steps
of:

presenting a map with defined geographic regions to an end user;
associating multiple data items with said defined geographic regions, wherein said
multiple data items are selected from the group consisting of plants, animals, insects, marine life,
rocks, and minerals; and
presenting multiple data items to an end user, via a display of a stationary computer; and
responding to the selection of particular ones of one or more of said multiple data items
associated with one of said defined geographic regions by said user, by:
downloading multimedia data files corresponding to said particular ones one or
more of said multiple data items, to a portable computing device;
whereby said portable computing device operable to play the multimedia-content data
files on said portable computing device to the end user in the field.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2 in which said multimedia content includes images and text,
whereby images can be viewed on said portable computing device.

4. (Original) The method of claim 2 in which said multimedia content includes audio files,
whereby sounds may be reproduced on said portable computing device.

5. (Original) The method of claim 2 in which said stationary computer is a personal computer.

6. (Original) The method of claim 2 in which said stationary computer is an information kiosk
providing said content in exchange for some form of payment.

7. (Original) The method of claim 2 in which said multimedia data files are stored on a CD-rom.

8. (Original) The method of claim 2 in which updates to said multimedia data files are accessed
over an Internet network.

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9. (Original) The method of claim 2 in which said multimedia data files are stored remotely from said stationary computer and are accessed over an Internet network.

Claims 10-13 (Canceled)